

Dear Mark,

1/8/81

The conjectures in your 12/30 are at least reasonable.

If your letter had come before the Mexico City records, I supposed dipes of what Paul asked for but I don't know, I'd have been alert to any 10/18/63 cable. You might ask him or when you are here again you can check that file, which has worksheets from which you can learn sooner. I saw nothing exciting in it.

Jim has probably told you of the significant victory on the administrative level in the field office cases. There was a status call yesterday. It seems to have gone OK, for anything before Smith maybe better! I don't expect any major Mexico City disclosures but I've prevailed in a substantial proportion of the (b)(1) claims and something may come out there and there is to be major reprocessing where the claims are (7)(C) and (D).

By all means keep looking for proof that the tape went to Dallas, but I'm satisfied that the Hoover to Rowley of 11/23/63 is specific enough on that, however unclear he is about other things.

Jim has asked for the reprocessed b1 stuff, which should have been sent long ago.

I'll be interested in your impressions of the Lifton press conference if you go there. As I told Jim, I'm interested enough, including in the reaction of the press, to like to hear a tape of it. I asked Lifton to get one for me. He said he's ask the publisher. My belief is that he expects me not to like the book and is trying, in his own way, to bribe me into not making any comment by promising me a copy for next Tuesday. When he phoned he was explicit enough about wanting me to be favorable and to speak to the press for him. (I fear he impressed those who saw him at HSCA as nutty.)

Thanks for the info. Best to Kevin.

Sincerely,